

**HIGH TECHNOLOGY THEFT APPREHENSION & PROSECUTION PROGRAM
PROGRESS REPORT – IDENTITY THEFT UNITS**

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Following the instructions, please provide the information as indicated. **SUBMIT ONE (1) ORIGINAL AND ONE (1) COPY TO THE ABOVE ADDRESS.**

1. Project Title	<u>High Technology Theft</u>	2. Grant Award #	<u>HT08090340</u>
3. Recipient	<u>Sacramento County</u>	4. Grant Period	<u>07/01/2008 – 06/30/2010</u>
5. Address	<u>711 G Street Sacramento, CA 95814</u>	6. Report Period	<u>07/01/2009 – 09/30/2009</u>
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PROGRESS REPORT

- ☒ 5th Progress Report: Narrative/Statistical report covering July/August/September – **DUE October 31**
☐ 6th Progress Report: Narrative/Statistical report covering October/November/December – **DUE January 30**
☐ 7th Progress Report: Narrative/Statistical report covering January/February/March – **DUE April 30**
☐ Final Progress Report: Narrative/Statistical report covering April/May/June – **DUE July 31**

BUDGET

1. Total grant award (excluding match):	\$	<u>3,526,116</u>
2. Total funds expended to date (excluding match):	\$	<u>1,721,700</u>
3. Items encumbered but not paid for (excluding match):	\$	<u>0</u>
4. Total grant balance (excluding match):	\$	<u>1,804,416</u>
5. Month of most recently submitted Report of Expenditures:		<u>July 2009</u>

Are grant funds being expended in accordance with the Grant Award Agreement? ☒ YES ☐ NO
If no, explain in the narrative section of this report.

I CERTIFY THAT THIS REPORT IS ACCURATE AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES POLICIES AND PROCEDURES.

Harvey Woo
Signature

Lieutenant/Project Director
Title

10/26/09
Date

CalEMA Program Specialist's Comments (For OES use only):

☐ Approved ☐ Disapproved

Signature of Program Specialist

Date

PERSONNEL

Positions Authorized in Grant Award Agreement:

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	<u>Name of Staff</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Duties</u>	<u>Full-Time Equivalency (% of FTE)</u>
1.	Cooper, James	Captain	Administration	1.00
2.	Woo, Harvey	Lieutenant	Investigations	0.95
3.	Rivera, Emanuel	Sergeant	Investigations	0.05
4.	Mannering, Bill	Sergeant	Investigations	1.00
5.	Peden, Anita	ASO II	Budget/Fiscal	0.95
6.	Brown, D.T.	Detective	Investigations	1.00
7.	Recce, Vince	Detective	Investigations	0.00
8.	Williams, James	Detective	Investigations	0.35
9.	Orr, Susan	Records Officer I	Records/Evidence	1.00
10.	Wilder, Chris	Detective	Investigations	1.00
11.	Clausen, Jim	Detective	Investigations	Match
12.	Kirby, Al	Detective	Investigations	Match
13.	Pahlberg, Eric	Detective	Investigations	1.00
14.	Hermann, Mark	Detective	Investigations	1.00
15.	Lawrence, Dave	Detective	Investigations	1.00
16.	Konecy, Dave	Detective	Investigations	0.50
17.	Martin, Pete	Investigator	Investigations	0.00
18.	Cardwell, Brian	Special Agent	Investigations	OT only
19.	Aiken, Keith	Contractor	Forensics	1.00
20.	Hively, Art	Reserve	Investigations	0.00
21.	Baird, Ken	Special Agent	Investigations	0.00
22.	McKenzie, W.R.	Deputy District Attorney	Prosecution	0.00
23.	Morgester, Robert	Deputy Attorney General	Prosecution	0.00
24.	Mussotto, John	Detective	Investigations	0.00
25.	Dabney, Dan	Detective	Investigations	0.00
26.	Lombardi, Dave	Special Agent	Investigations	0.00
27.	Farnsworth, Brian	Investigator	Investigations	0.00

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28.	Ussery, Scott	Detective	Investigations	0.00
29.	Eichbaum, James	Detective	Investigations	0.00
30.	Rafiq, Nick	Detective	Investigations	0.00
31.	Papineau, Kevin	Detective	Investigations	0.00
32.	Cogburn, Nate	Detective	Investigations	0.00
33.	Martin, Joseph	Detective	Investigations	0.00
34.	Kootstra, Craig	Detective	Investigations	0.00
35.	Zeri, Pat	Detective	Investigations	0.00
36.	Moranz, David	Detective	Investigations	0.00
37.	Northrup, Brent	Detective	Investigations	0.00
38.	Conde, Kevin	Detective	Investigations	0.00
39.	Long, Paul	Detective	Investigations	0.00
40.	Gaspard, Duane	Detective	Investigations	0.00
TOTAL				40 people

1. Have there been any delays in hiring project personnel? ☐ YES ☒ NO If YES, explain below.
2. Are there any personnel issues which may affect the project objectives? ☒ YES ☐ NO If YES, explain below.
3. Have any of the job duties, as detailed in the Grant Award, changed? ☐ YES ☒ NO If YES, explain below

NOTE: Positions with a "0.0" FTE participate in the program but are not grant funded.

Sacramento Sheriff's Department eliminated use of all on-call and reserve deputies due to budget shortfalls. Four detective positions that were assigned to the Identity Theft unit were also eliminated. These reductions will severely reduce our ability to investigate identity theft crimes.

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EQUIPMENT

(List equipment purchase for the entire grant period.)

Does your Grant Award allow equipment purchases? ☒ YES ☐ NO If yes, detail below:

<u>Equipment</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Date Ordered/Received</u>
1. None purchased/budgeted		
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If your equipment purchases exceed the space above, or you have encountered problems in ordering/receiving grant equipment, please detail issues in the Narrative Section of this report.

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Discuss:

- Any problems the project is experiencing in starting up the grant award.

None to report

- Any delays and/or problems in implementation.

None to report

- Activities supporting each objective which are not currently operational or in place.

None to report

- The project's source documentation designed to track the project's statistical information.

The project uses a monthly statistical tracking form. This form is completed by investigators at the close of each case. The data from this tracking form is entered into a computer database, and the information is retrieved, as needed for reports.

- Any anticipated areas that may need to be modified, (i.e., budget changes due to staff changes, equipment changes, or modification to program objectives).

None anticipated at this time.

- Discuss the project's progress to date.

Due to funding issues within the host agency we had to layoff two part time investigators. These investigators mainly investigated IC3 cases. Their productivity will be sorely missed.

- Submit pertinent news articles or any information pertaining to the project's activities.

All news articles submitted to Cal-EMA on an ongoing basis.

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Significant cases investigated by the Task Force include the following:

SSD #09-33068; 653w, 350(a) PC; Counterfeiting/Piracy

Detective D.T. Brown investigated a large-scale piracy case involving four retail stores in the greater Sacramento area. The suspect is the owner of four retail stores that specialize in DVD/CD rentals that cater to the Russian community. Three search warrants were served over a four-day period. Eighty-seven thousand DVDs and CDs were recovered with an estimated value of \$1.3 million. Investigators also discovered the suspect was defrauding his customers by overcharging their credit cards that were left on file. This case is currently being prosecuted in the federal system. The task force was assisted by member from the following agencies, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Rancho Cordova PD, Sacramento County Probation, Department of Justice, West Sacramento PD and California Highway Patrol.

SSD #09-0039546; 653w, 350(a) PC; Counterfeiting/Piracy

Detective D.T. Brown began working a proactive piracy case. He had received information from an informant that the movie *G.I. Joe* was being sold at the Galt Flea market. This movie was currently being shown in theaters. The movie was not found; however, investigators seized 2,561 pirated CDs from a booth that was being run by the suspect. There were no arrests made at the time of investigation; however, this case is being prosecuted federally and an indictment is eminent.

Multiple PC 261 (rape) Davis PD

This case is a highlight of the importance of digital evidence as well as the forensic examination component offered by the task forces. This case started in 2004 and was worked by members of the Davis Police Department including two detectives that were assigned to our Task Force, Detective Mark Hermann and Detective Brent Buehring. The case involves the rape/molestation of the victim by the suspect for a period of approximately five years. The victim is the suspect's adopted daughter. The case had many twists and turns causing the investigation and subsequent trial to stretch out over five years, including a kidnapping in Nepal. Forensic examination of media seized during the investigation was performed over time by both Detectives Hermann and Buehring. The evidence that they recovered and subsequently presented in court was needed for the conviction and sentencing. Detective Hermann was present in court during the entire trial. The defendant was found guilty and on August 8th was sentenced to 378 years in state prison. There were computer crimes committed by the suspect however they are very minor, and not charged.

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Please complete the statistical report table for Objectives #1, #2, and #3. Use additional pages to provide any additional narrative to report your accomplishments as projected in your application.

Objective #1: To investigate, apprehend, and prosecute criminal organizations, networks, and groups of individuals engaged in the following activities: (The project should list the applicable high technology crimes as defined by California Penal Code § 13848 in which the task force is engaged.)

Objective #2: To apprehend and prosecute individuals and groups engaged in the unlawful access, destruction, or unauthorized entry into and use of private, corporate, or government computers and networks, including wireless and wireline communication networks and law enforcement dispatch systems, and the theft, interception, manipulation, destruction, and unauthorized disclosure of data stored within those computers.

Objective #3: To apprehend and prosecute individuals as groups engaged in the theft of trade secrets.

Reporting Definitions:

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- **Number of High Tech Crime Cases Filed:** Defined as the number of defendants investigated for committing high technology crimes.
- **Number of Convictions:** Defined as a defendant(s) in one case convicted of one or more charges. If more than one defendant on one case, each defendant that is convicted will be reported.
- **Number of Victims involved in Cases Filed:** Counting each victim once whether victimized one or multiple times by the suspect in the individual case.
- **Total Monetary Loss of Victims:** The total aggregate monetary loss suffered by the victims, (from the cases filed) including individuals, associations, institutions, corporations, and other relevant public entities, according to the number of cases filed, investigations, prosecutions, and convictions obtained as a result of the high technology crime cases filed and those under active investigation.

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Complete this statistical report for the reporting period of 7/1/09 through 9/30/09
The statistics are cumulative for the period of this grant. Add any categories not listed on chart under "Item I, Other." Definitions for each column provided below table.

Types of Crimes Committed During Reporting Period	# of HT crimes cases investigated	# of Arrests	# of HT Cases Filed	# of Convictions	# of victims in cases invest.	Total Monetary Loss to Victims
1. Unlawful Access/Intrusion						
A. Private individual						
B. Corporate				1		
C. Government						
2. Money Laundering						
A. Electronic Bank Transfers						
3. Theft						
A. Check			33	41		
B. Credit Card Fraud			1	1		
C. Auction/Internet Fraud						
D. Telephone Calling Codes						
E. Telecommunication Service						
F. Wireless Communication Service						
G. Cable/Satellite Television Services						
H. Cable Boxes						
I. Trade Secrets						
J. Identity						
K. Computer Components						
L. High Technology Products/Components						
4. Piracy						
A. Software						
B. Music/Movie	1				1	
5. Remarking/Counterfeiting						
A. Computer Hardware						
6. Manufacturing/Counterfeiting						
A. Checks						
B. Currency						
C. Driver's License/Diplomatic Identification			4	2		
7. Child Exploitation (non ICAC)						
8. Computer Forensic Exams (Not related to above cases)	110					
9. Other Hi-Tech Investigations						
Computer crimes against persons	2	1			2	0
Insurance fraud involving computers	4	1			4	23,100,000
Other Hi-Tech Investigations/Hi-Tech Probation Search	2	1			2	120,000

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Objective #4: To investigate and prosecute high technology crime cases requiring coordination between regional task forces and local, state, federal, and international law enforcement agencies.

Provide narrative of coordination efforts as projected in your application and specify if coordination resulted in the recording of information in the above statistical reporting table.

The Task Force continued its tradition of working closely with outside agencies. This quarter, we investigated numerous piracy cases, mainly DVDs and CDs, with our partners at the FBI. We have also been able to work closely with industry investigators from the RIAA and MPAA. The following is but one case that we did this quarter:

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Objective #5: To conduct training of public and private individuals and groups external to the task force personnel with the intent of identifying potential high technology crime threats, as well as train other law enforcement personnel in the identification and subsequent handling of suspected high technology crimes.

TRAINING: List any high technology crime or forensic computer training attended during this period, training provided by your task force to other law enforcement agencies, or training presented to the public or to community groups. (Reporting period of 4/1/09 – 6/30/09.)

TOPIC – Training <u>PROVIDED</u>	DATE	LOCATION	# Trained	Agency Trained
1. <u>Identifying counterfeit currency</u>	<u>7/1/09</u>	<u>Elk Grove</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>TNT Fireworks</u>
2. <u>Cell phone forensics</u>	<u>7/22/09</u>	<u>Sacramento</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>Multiple law enforcement agencies</u>
3. <u>NCIC off-line search use</u>	<u>7/21/09</u>	<u>Modesto</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>HTCIA Central Valley</u>
4. <u>Search warrants and electronic seizures</u>	<u>8/6/09</u>	<u>Ceres</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>Ceres Police</u>
5. <u>Cell phone forensics (two classes)</u>	<u>8/25/09</u>	<u>Lake Tahoe</u>	<u>150</u>	<u>HTCIA Conference</u>
6. <u>Cell phone/GPS forensics</u>	<u>9/1/09</u>	<u>Tracy</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>Tracy Police</u>
7. <u>Cell phone tower investigations (two classes)</u>	<u>8/24/09</u>	<u>Lake Tahoe</u>	<u>75</u>	<u>HTCIA Conference</u>
8. <u>Resources for computer crime investigations</u>	<u>8/14/09</u>	<u>Sacramento</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>Los Rios Advanced Training Center</u>
9. <u>Computer crime laws and searches</u>	<u>8/13/09</u>	<u>Sacramento</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>Los Rios Advanced Training Center</u>
10. <u>High technology crimes and computers</u>	<u>8/7/09</u>	<u>Sacramento</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>Los Rios Advanced Training Center</u>
11. <u>High technology crimes and computers</u>	<u>8/10/09</u>	<u>Sacramento</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>Los Rios Advanced Training Center</u>
12. <u>Cell phone forensics</u>	<u>9/3/09</u>	<u>Sacramento</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>California Department of Corrections</u>
13. <u>Cell phone forensics (two classes)</u>	<u>9/17/09</u>	<u>Arizona</u>	<u>130</u>	<u>Arizona Auto Theft Investigators Assoc.</u>
14. <u>Cloud computing and its impact on law enforcement</u>	<u>9/10/09</u>	<u>Sacramento</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>SSD Command College</u>
TOTAL 14			520	

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TOPIC – Training <u>ATTENDED</u>		DATE	LOCATION	# Trained	Agency Trained
1.	HTCIA International Training Conference	8/23/09	Lake Tahoe	7	Multiple law enforcement agencies
2.					
TOTAL 1				7	

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Objective #6: To establish a local steering committee comprised of representatives from participating agencies, local high technology industry, and other interested parties. The steering committee, shall, at a minimum, meet quarterly to review task force activities, and provide advice, recommendations, strategic input and direction for task force consideration.

Number of steering committee meetings held during this reporting period. One

The last Task Force steering committee met in September 2009, at the Task Force Office in Sacramento.

The next Task Force steering committee is scheduled to meet in December 2009, at a location to be determined.

A. AGENCIES: List the agencies that are currently participating in your High Technology Task Force. If the agency is a new addition since the last report, annotate with an asterisk (*).

LOCAL	COUNTY	STATE	FEDERAL
Citrus Heights Police	Calaveras County Sheriff*	Attorney General's Office	Federal Bureau of Investigation
Davis Police	El Dorado County Sheriff	Department of Insurance	U.S. Attorney's Office
Elk Grove Police	Mariposa County Sheriff*	Department of Justice	U.S. Postal Inspection Service
Escalon Police	Merced County Sheriff	Highway Patrol	U.S. Secret Service
Folsom Police	Placer County District Attorney	State Controller's Office	USDA Forest Service
Lodi Police	Placer County Sheriff		
Manteca Police	Plumas County Sheriff		
Marysville Police	Department of Human Assistance (Welfare Fraud)		
Merced Police	Sacramento County Probation		
Modesto Police	Sacramento County District Attorney		
Roseville Police	Sacramento County Sheriff		
Stockton Police	San Joaquin County Sheriff		
Tracy Police	Stanislaus County District Attorney		
Turlock Police	Stanislaus County Sheriff		
Woodland Police	Yolo County District Attorney		
	Yolo County Sheriff		

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Objective #7: In accordance with California Penal Code § 13848.4(c), the CSII/CAL DOJ JRIES has been developed and deployed for use by grantees of the HTTAP Program. All HTTAP funded grantees will input intelligence information into the statewide database to aid in developing and distributing high technology intelligence information to participating agencies. Information will be entered into the statewide database on an ongoing basis.

Number of cases entered into the CSII/CAL DOJ JRIES during this reporting period. n/a

Number of cases assisted through the use of CSII/CAL DOJ JRIES information during this reporting period. n/a

The Task Force was notified by CalEMA in June 2009, that it was no longer necessary to enter cases into the statewide database program.

OPTIONAL OBJECTIVE: Please discuss the number of requests and the crime type investigations that HTTAP Projects turned away due to insufficient resources and/or limitations of the High Technology Crime funding requirements.

Our major challenges have been budgetary in nature specifically dealing with manpower. Reallocation of assets and prioritizing of case assignments will be necessary to meet our goals and objectives for the fiscal year. This quarter, we had to all but eliminate the investigation of complaints received at the task force from the IC3 program. For FY 08/09 we worked a large amount of these cases and were actually able to resolve many of them either through restitution or an agreed-upon resolution between parties. These particular types of cases, while not usually involving a large amount of money, nonetheless affect the most people.

HIGH TECHNOLOGY CRIME TRENDS: Provide a narrative of any emerging high technology crime trends during this reporting period. (E.g. new criminal enterprises or networks; case law; new investigative/enforcement resources or partnerships; or unmet needs).

Trends within the community have remained relatively unchanged. Craigslist/eBay scams still appear on the top of our list along with the never-ending Nigerian scams. We have been investigating more piracy cases, working closely with our partners at the RIAA and MPAA.

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Objective #1: To investigate, apprehend, and prosecute criminal organizations, networks, and groups of individuals engaged in identity theft violations to include, but not limited to, Penal Code §470a, 470b, 472, 475, 476, 484e, 484f, 484g, 484i, 529 subdivision 3, 529a, 529.5, 530, 530.5, 532, 532a, and 532.2. Investigations may require coordination between regional identity theft units and local, state, federal, and international law enforcement agencies.

Please complete the ID Theft statistics for Objective #1. Use additional pages to provide any additional narrative to report your accomplishments as was projected in your application. The table represents the reporting period of (7/1/09) to (9/30/09). The statistics are cumulative for the period of this grant. Definitions for each column have been provided below.

Reporting Definitions:

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- Number of Victims involved in Cases Filed: Counting each victim once whether victimized once or multiple times by the suspect in the individual case.
- Total Monetary Loss of Victims: The total aggregate monetary loss suffered by the victims, (from the cases filed) including individuals, associations, institutions, corporations, and other relevant public entities, according to the number of cases filed, investigations, prosecutions, and convictions obtained as a result of the high technology crime cases filed and those under active investigation.

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# of Investigations	# of Arrests	# of HT Cases Filed	# of Convictions	# of victims in cases investigated	Total Monetary Loss to Victims
53	48	128	52	100	\$713,926

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Objective #2: To train prosecutors, law enforcement officers, and investigators within the regional multi-county areas covered by each identity theft unit via POST developed and certified curricula. Training may be directed at other California law enforcement officers, investigators, or local prosecutors for the identification and subsequent handling of suspected identity theft crimes.

TRAINING: List any high technology crime or forensic computer training attended during this period, training provided by your task force to other law enforcement agencies, or training presented to the public or to community groups. (Report all training from the beginning of the grant period to current report submission.)

	DEVELOPED/CERTIFIED CURRICULA	DATE	LOCATION	# Trained	Agency Trained
1.	None				
2.					
3.					
4.					
	TOTAL				

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Objective #3: To conduct training of public and private individuals, groups, and businesses external to the identity theft unit personnel by providing public awareness and education toward the purpose of identifying potential identity theft threats and ways to avoid becoming a victim through external training, presentations, or media. (Report all training from the beginning of the grant period to current report submission.)

	<u>DEVELOPED CURRICULA</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u># Trained</u>	<u>Agency Trained</u>
1.	Identity theft	7/21/09	Sacramento	41	Sacramento Christian Women's Connection
2.	Identity theft prevention and resources	7/29/09	Turlock	60	Turlock Covenant Village
3.	Identity theft	8/26/09	Sacramento	32	Wells Fargo Bank
4.					
	TOTAL 3			133	

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Objective #4: To receive advice, recommendations, and strategic input from the local steering committee established by the task force/identity theft unit. The steering committee shall, at a minimum, meet quarterly to review identity theft unit activities, and provide advice and direction for identity theft unit consideration.

Number of steering committee meetings held during this reporting period. One

The last Task Force steering committee met in September, 2009, at the Task Force Office in Sacramento.

The next Task Force steering committee is scheduled to meet in December 2009, at a location to be determined.

AGENCIES: List the agencies that are currently participating in your High Technology Task Force. If the agency is a new addition since the last report, annotate with an asterisk (*).

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Elk Grove Police	Mariposa County Sheriff*	Department of Justice	U.S. Postal Inspection Service
Escalon Police	Merced County Sheriff	Highway Patrol	U.S. Secret Service
Folsom Police	Placer County District Attorney	State Controller's Office	USDA Forest Service
Lodi Police	Placer County Sheriff		
Manteca Police	Plumas County Sheriff		
Marysville Police	Department of Human Assistance (Welfare Fraud)		
Merced Police	Sacramento County Probation		
Modesto Police	Sacramento County District Attorney		
Roseville Police	Sacramento County Sheriff		
Stockton Police	San Joaquin County Sheriff		
Tracy Police	Stanislaus County District Attorney		
Turlock Police	Stanislaus County Sheriff		
Woodland Police	Yolo County District Attorney		
	Yolo County Sheriff		

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Objective #5 (Optional): To act as a regional clearinghouse for law enforcement and for victims.

(Provide narrative of activities accomplished during reporting period)

Not applicable.

IDENTITY THEFT CRIME TRENDS: Provide a narrative of any emerging high technology crime trends during this reporting period. (i.e.: new criminal enterprises or networks; case law; new investigative/enforcement resources or partnerships; or unmet needs).

As with all crimes, technology helps both the criminal and the apprehension of the criminal. Currently, we are working a case where the point of sale credit card readers were swapped out and replaced with modified credit card readers that stored the victims' account numbers and also their pin numbers. While this case is still under investigation, it appears that either an employee or a "customer" swapped out the original readers with the modified units without the workers' knowledge. This has occurred across the United States; and at one point, it was thought to be an account intrusion. Fortunately, one of these modified units were recovered and analyzed. The business has since changed all of the readers at every location across the United States and has halted the crime from continuing.

Identity Theft Cases of Interest:

Case #1

An untagged suitcase was returned to baggage claim at the Sacramento International Airport. Airline personnel checked it for owner information and found an identification card, 25 credit cards, and a card reader/writer. The airline personnel then became suspicious and turned the suitcase over to the Sheriff's Department Identity Theft unit. The credit cards were suspected to be counterfeit when the telephone numbers on the backs of the credit cards did not connect with the banks on the face of the credit cards.

Investigation by Identity Theft detectives revealed the credit cards and identification were counterfeit, and fraud transactions had been made with the credit card account numbers. A possible suspect was identified on surveillance video, and a search warrant was obtained for his residence.

Case #2

During the search of the suspect's residence, detectives found medications that were marked and packaged so they were clearly identifiable as being issued for pill call from the Sacramento County Jail. The medications were inside a black plastic bag. The suspect's girlfriend and roommate was a female who was a nurse at the jail. Surveillance video at the jail captured the female roommate taking a black plastic bag to her car on the day the medications were missing from pill call.

The female suspect is currently released on bail. The Judge included a condition of her continued bail that she is no longer allowed to practice as a nurse. The male suspect is still under investigation for the altered cards. The search warrant recovered several firearms and \$45,000 in cash—suspected revenue from drug sales.